

Police Conduct Oversight Commission

Policy and Procedure Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Committee Members Present: Amran Farah, Afsheen Foroozan, and Jennifer Singleton (Chair).

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Patrick - Police Conduct Operations Supervisor

Chair Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
A quorum of the Committee was present.

Farah moved to adopt the meeting agenda.
Foroozan seconded.
No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.
The motion carried.

Singleton moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 26, 2016.
Foroozan seconded.
No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.
The motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Mental Health Workgroup

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Singleton - indicated that Commissioner Westphal will be in attendance at an inter-jurisdictional group on June 22, 2016 involving mental health issues, which can assist in fleshing out the duties and responsibilities of the work group.

Czech - stated that she would assist in gathering community representatives in Minneapolis for the workgroup.

Singleton - indicated that Ms. Czech should contact either Ryan Patrick or Commissioner Westphal and coordinate with them.

Pending Approval

Review of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual

Chair Singleton indicated that they are waiting to hear about what National Initiative group will be working on to avoid duplication of efforts before moving forward on the project. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Framework for the Chief's Performance Review

Commissioner Foroozan indicated that he has made some progress on developing the framework for the review; he will have it ready for the next meeting. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Issue Tracking Queue and Cases Referred to the Committee

The Chair addressed the Committee; the following were the main points from her update:

- There were cases referred at the last Commission meeting.
- One involved a family that was cleaning; the case involved de-escalation and charging a civilian with obstruction for filming an officer.
- The other is case #7 from April, 2016 involving two people biking side-by-side; the officer was applying the law incorrectly.

With the conclusion of the update, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Foroozan - indicated that there seems to be a number of issues involving training on basic laws and asked if there is a way to find out what type of ongoing training the officers receive.

Patrick - stated that memorandum is distributed, but there is perhaps not much training. He also indicated that there will be two upcoming papers on smart guns and will have some information by the next meeting. Additionally the office is working on information regarding de-escalation techniques; PERF came up with a 30 point plan on use-of-force, much of which involves de-escalation and it would be beneficial to put together resources to start the conversation. Additionally, there is currently a house bill on the floor at the federal level mandating de-escalation training.

Singleton - added that the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition is doing a study with regard to bicyclist interactions with the MPD; will approach them for a presentation when it is complete. She also stated that it might be useful to begin tracking issues involved with officers being filmed by civilians adding that the Committee is primed to do a new study and asked the Committee members to bring ideas in for the next meeting.

Pending Approval

Farah - stated that she has been asked a lot of questions regarding school resource officers regarding their responsibilities, abilities while on duty, and the selection process.

Patrick - suggested inviting the SRO's back to do another presentation on the program stating that he would look into it.

Public Comment

With no members of the public wanting to address the Committee, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With all of the Committee's business concluded, the Chair entertained a motion:

Foroozan moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.